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NADAS, Col. Lajos

PIRA-4169, 24 February 1949

Chief of Staff for ZAKO in the MHBK. According to Decency, NADAS represented the right pro-German officer wing of the MHBK, the leftists or liberals being headed by László ESZÉNYI. Pro-German officer and pro-Germany organizer in Hungarian Army. Staunch supporter of HENGERFY and SZALASI at time of HORVÁTH's armistice proclamation on 19 October 1944. Was chief of Hungarian War Ministry's Strategic Sector and gave orders that HORVÁTH was not to be obeyed.

PIRA-4383, 22 April 1949

True leader of the MHBK is NADAS who is capable but compromised as a pro-SZALASI-ite. Although he previously agreed to give up all public functions, he actually in charge of all strategic planning of the MHBK military group and his first task was that of reorganizing ZAKO's underground network in Hungary.

briefing of László AGH in Washington, 20 December 1949

Member of MHBK and is in charge of personnel records. 55 years old. Chief of military operations under HORVÁTH and SALASZI, not trusted by Germans. Said to have been in contact with western Allies during the war through agents in Yugoslavia.

PIR-3548, February-March 1949 Hungarian Survey Report

Main collaborator with Gen. FARKAS in organizing the military group at Innsbruck is Lajos NADAS, ex-Chief of Strategic Department of the Hungarian General Staff. Col. NADAS represents the strategist and will organize the Army first.

PIR-4206, 5 July 1949

In the early part of 1948 Col. Lajos NADAS, Chief of the Operations Bureau of the Hungarian General Staff 1944. Gen. ZAKO and KORPONAY suggested formation of an independent military group.

MAVA-3057, 22 June 1949

Lajos NADAS, former col. of the Hungarian General Staff and chief of operations of the Hungarian Army, is now living at Gasthof Kirchenwirt in Absam, near Hall, Tyrol. NADAS is in contact with Gen. ZAKO and Capt. KORPONAY with the expectation of eventually heading up an Hungarian émigré army.

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MAVA-4257, 8 December 1949

Gen. ZAKO's immediate entourage, like NADAS and KORPOKAY, are critical of ZAKO's willingness to accept all comers, including Jews, in his Bajtorsi Kososseg.

MOLA-3168, 8 August 1950

X Subject now directs MHEK "Strategic Section", established 15 July 1950, for preparation of war and operational plans, registry and recruitment of personnel for future Hungarian army. Subject was an Arrow Cross member, strongly pro-German, and holds "different" political beliefs than ZAKO.

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NADAS, Lajos or NADAS-NADIER, Lajos

MAVA-3057
22 June 1949
ZAKO file

Former Col. of Hungarian General Staff
now lives in Absam, Tyrol; is in contact
with ZAM and KORPONAYI.

Memo to Stillman
23 Dec. 1949
(see ZAKO file)

Member MHRK in charge of personnel records.
A source of information for AGH.

MSRA-2084, 20.7.49

Reported by INCRUSTATOR to be mbr. ZAKO org.

MAVA-3061, 21.6.49

Hider operation.

MAV-A-374, 7.9.49

ZAKO group.

MAV-W-1831, 20.12.49, pp 2,3,4

Operation.

MAV-A-3810, 27 Oct. '50
ZAKO file

Received letter from Laszlo AGH from USA
stating American intelligence was satisfied
with the intelligence being brought out of
Hungary by MHRK.

MASW 362 25 Mar 52
Filed Hung Ops

MASA 1518, 7 Apr 52
Filed Hung Ops.

MAVA 10984 encl 6 1 apr 52
8/2019 - Hung Ops

200-6-12-53 (DCE 3533)
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27 Nov 51. Col of general staff in Aug 43. Today at
Absam, Aus, Solbad-Hall, near Innsbruck.

MASA-931 (p 2)
1 Nov 1951

"NADAS was Chief of Operations of the Hungarian General Staff in 1944. In October 1944 he received orders from Adm. HORTHY to contact Soviet Marshall MALINOVSKY to negotiate for an armistice. NADAS, a German collaborator and extremist, did not follow this order but had every one arrested who knew about the anticipated armistice.

"NADAS is currently attempting to organize all former Hungarian officers, now living in the US Zones of Germany and Austria, into one organization, similar to the one which existed in Hungary in 1920, and which was used to fight the Communists at that time. He is also alleged to be in contact with a U.S. intelligence organization in Germany."

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"HODOSSY-STROBL and NADAS are currently employed by TIB, EUCOM. They have, however, no authority or orders to form any type of organization composed of former Hungarians."

X MAV-4396
21 March 1952

"LACZKOVICS also stated that General Lajos NADAS allegedly left the ZAKO group because of a disagreement with ZAKO and is now employed with a cartographicla unit of Hq USPA."

MASA-1532
11 April 1952

"1. ZAKO considers himself completely non-political. He is getting rid of the extremists (especially Lajos NADAS) as fast as he can." (Gen. HENNYEY comments)

FBI NY 105-1454
22 June 1950

"Germany: Lajos NADAS-NADIER, Staff Colonel (not otherwise identified.) As far back as 1937-1938 he had been an Arrow-cross organizer in the Hungarian Army. He solicited members and collected membership dues. After the outbreak of the war he became Commander of the War Planning Branch...When he was informed about the Regent's (HORTHY) armistice proclamation it would have been his duty to go to headquarters of Marshal MALINOVSKY. Instead of this he immediately looked up the German Ambassador and advised him of the Regent's and the Government's decision about an armistice. (There have been rumors that this individual may have arrived in the United States as a D.P.) He was SZALASI's Chief of Staff."

FBI WFO 105-994
2 June 1950

"The informant went on to state the head of the organization in Europe, Andras ZAKO, has two aides, a Major KORPANNAI and a General NADAS. KORPANNAI is unknown to the informant but NADAS is known to him as a former important member of the Hungarian General Staff of German extraction who exhibited most rabid pro-Nazi tendencies during World War II."

OO-B-29595
19 March 1951

"Associates: NADAS, Lajos, who after October 1944 was the Hungarian Nazi General Staff Chief of Operations. Also top Nazi in officer corps. Lajos is one of Zako's principal advisors in Absam."

X MGLA-2678
20 July 1950

"However, this activity does not meet with the approval of ZAKO's closest associates in the MHKB: Colonel NADAS and Captain KORPONAY, as well as other officers close to ZAKO, dislike his doing intelligence work on th[er]t,

as leader of the MHEK, he should not enter into unilateral obligations for one power."

✓ MGKA-21152
29 July 1950

"10. A Vienna report of 22 June 1949 states that Lajos NADAS, ex-colonel of the Hungarian General Staff is in contact with General ZAKO and subject (KORPONAY), with the expectation of eventually heading a Hungarian Emigre Army."

✓ MGLA-3168
8 August 1950

"a. Strategic Section - handles war preparations; operational plans; use of fit Hungarian emigres in a Hungarian Legion or Army to be organized if needed. This section is directed by General Staff Colonel Lajos NADAS, who was formerly in charge of the intelligence section of the MHEK. NADAS is an Arrow Cross member, strongly pro-German and of different political beliefs than ZAKO."

MAVV-2686
23 August 1950

"We are somewhat suspicious of NADAS' and KORPONAY's objections to this cooperation. If they really disapprove of "unilateral obligations for one power", they will also object to his working for us." (signed Alling-Brett)

MSBA-3468
19 Sept 1950

"5. Source [] objects strongly to the present composition of the MHEK because its leadership is composed of former Arrow Crossers, most of them Hungarians of German origin. He cited the following: In Austria — Col. (GS) Lajos NADAS".

MGLA-3810
27 Oct 1950

"1. Lajos NADAS, former Hungarian colonel and now a staff member of MHEK, showed GVA's 17585 a letter sent by Laszlo AGH, from the USA."

MASA-1518
7 April 1952

"1. At the time SALZ-300 was written the eight traces on NADAS in MAV-W-2854 were over twenty months old, and NADAS' status had changed from that shown in the last trace (MGL-A-3168, 8 August 1950) to that of a civilian employee in a sensitive USFA section. It was our thought that Headquarters' researches into the MHEK in the past year or so might have produced some as yet unpouched material on NADAS which might be helpful to us or to theater security.
"2. As is frequently the case we had no definite idea as to what, if any, use we might be able to make of NADAS. It was not considered beyond the realm of possibility that a former influential MHEK person known to be unsympathetic to ZAKO might now, if he had indeed severed his ties to ZAKO and KORPONAY, be of some interest or service to the Salzburg Base."

MAS-W-362
25 March 1952

"1. Voluminous traces on Col. Lajos Nadas, a well known member of the MHEK staff, were forwarded to Salz with MAVW-2854 dated 10 Oct 50. There were no significant traces since that time, with the exception of a notation in our files with Nadas is carried by Gruesome as Source No. 5885.

"2. We presume that you were aware of the above at the time your cable was written. If so, we do not quite understand why further information is needed to assess the security implications of his employment in the Photo-Tape unit of USFA, nor, in particular, why he is being considered to lend support to your own operations.

"3. It is requested that Salzburg pouch details explaining the background of your cable by 15 April 52." ()

SALZ 300
24 March 1952
IN 29798

Request consolidated traces Col. Lajos NADAS currently employed Photo-Topo USFA. We desire assess security implications for USFA and possible limited use support our ops.

MAVA-10984
1 April 52

"1. Transmitted herewith are three cards on Lajos NADAS. Unfortunately, the documents to which they refer are no longer contained in Station files. It is believed, however, that all this information will be included in Hdqtrs reply to your ~~xxxx~~ request for consolidated traces.
"2. We have requested CIC/Vienna traces which will be forwarded to you within the next few days."